

OITA AA/DAA MEETING

Title: Briefing on WHO Air Quality Conference

Date/Time: 10:00-11:00am

Location: Executive Conference Room

I. Purpose

YOU will lead a call for the US delegation to the WHO Air Quality conference. Review “commitments” that US can highlight during the High-Level segment. Review key US concerns on the chair’s summary and potential list of commitments.

II. Participants

You	See attached list of US delegation
Walker Smith	HHS
Marianne Bailey	NIH
Hodayah Finman	USAID
Ted MacDonald	State
Brianna Besch	NOAA

III. Agenda

- **YOU** lead introductions
- Updates – ask Megan McPhee (ESTH Officer, US Missions to the U.N. -Geneva) to provide updates from Geneva from her interactions with WHO
- ~~Roles~~Logistics

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

- Review US pledges
- Review high-level messages of your remarks
- Identify US priorities and areas of concern
 - Review draft chair’s summary for particular issues of concern

IV. Background

WHO’s First Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health will take place October 30th-November 1st at WHO Headquarters in Geneva. U.S. Delegation members are from EPA (OITA and OAR/OAQPS), USAID, NIH/NIEHS, NOAA, as well as HHS Geneva and US Mission Geneva. **YOU** will serve as head of delegation for the High-Level Segment of the meeting on November 1st.

Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) currently account for seven in ten deaths around the world, primarily from cardiovascular diseases, chronic respiratory diseases, cancer, and diabetes.

About 7 million people die each year from exposure to fine particulate matter. Air pollution is responsible for 25% of all deaths from strokes, 25% of heart disease deaths, 43% of lung disease and lung cancer deaths. WHO has found that air pollution levels remain at dangerously high levels in many parts of the world. 9 out of 10 people worldwide live in places where air quality exceeds WHO guideline limits.

UNGA High Level Meeting on NCDs Political Declaration

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BreathLife

UNEP launched the BreatheLife air pollution campaign to encourage citizens to take action to reduce air pollution. BreatheLife is a partnership of WHO, UN Environment and the Climate and Clean Air Coalition to Reduce Short-lived Climate Pollutants that aims to increase awareness and action on air pollution by governments and individuals.

US Pledges

V. Attachments

- US delegation list
- Talking Points

Talking Points

Welcome, Introductions, and Updates

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US Pledges

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Your Remarks

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Key US Priorates and Areas of Concern

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Closing

- Thank you all for participating in this call, I look forward to seeing you in Geneva.